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## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### TITLE OF INVENTION

### TRAILER STRUCTURES

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### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as ☐ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
or ☐ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known \_\_\_\_\_

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

- which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56

and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

- ☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

### SIGNATURE(S)

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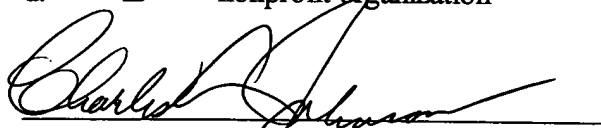
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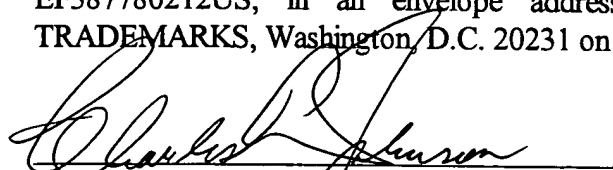
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| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | independent inventor(s)                     | 37 CFR 1.9(c) and 1.27(b) |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | non-inventor supporting<br>claim by another | 37 CFR 1.9(c) and 1.27(b) |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | small business concern                      | 37 CFR 1.9(d) and 1.27(c) |
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this transmittal letter and the paper of papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of EF387780212US, in an envelope addressed to: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c-f) and 1.27 (b-d)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

With respect to the invention described herewith.

**I. IDENTIFICATION OF DECLARANT AND RIGHTS AS A SMALL ENTITY**

I hereby declare that I am an Independent and a below named independent inventor, and that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **TRAILER STRUCTURES** described in the specification filed herewith.

**II. OWNERSHIP OF INVENTION DECLARANT**

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law remain with and/or have been conveyed to the above identified person EXCEPT, that if the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held (1) by any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if the person made the invention, (2) any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or (3) a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization  
☐ Persons, concern or organization listed below

FULL NAME NOT APPLICABLE

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ INDIVIDUAL      ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN      ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

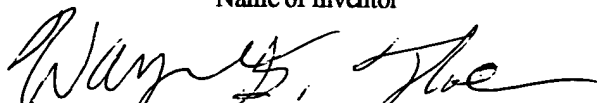
**III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE**

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

**IV. DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Name of Inventor

  
Signature of Inventor

8-14-01  
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